

# **Exhibit 2**

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 Special Licences Unit  
License # 1798

## LICENSE DURATION

LICENSE FEE No Fee

 License to Collect or Possess  
Education / Exhibition  
Application

 For more information on this license visit [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25005.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25005.html)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Environmental Conservation Law Section 11-0515 (1) and 6 NYCRR Part 175.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) may issue a License to Collect or Possess to qualified individuals to collect or possess fish, wildlife, shellfish, crustacea, protected insects, birds' nests or eggs. This application is only for the following purposes: Education/Exhibition.

Individuals applying for a license to collect or possess migratory birds must possess a valid Federal Permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for the requested activity. Individuals applying for a license to exhibit mammals to the public must possess a U.S.D.A. license under the Animal Welfare Act. Applications for licenses for educational institutions should be completed by the individual authorized by the institution to supervise all activities listed on the application.

The license is valid for one year or as noted on the license. The Department in its discretion may require an applicant to submit written testimonials from two well-known persons and to file a bond of two hundred dollars.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSE AMENDMENTS

When applying for a license amendment please only include information on the application pertaining to the specific amendment or amendments you are requesting. Please do not include previously submitted information already authorized under your license. If you are applying for renewal with amendment, please include your annual report required per your license conditions.

The following addresses are provided for your convenience.

 US Dept of the Interior / US Fish & Wildlife Svcs  
PO Box 779 • Hadley, MA 01035-0779

 USDA/APHIS/AC  
920 Main Campus Dr, Suite 200 • Raleigh, NC 27606-5210

## \*APPLICANT INFORMATION

name / date of birth	Casacci	Christopher	D	Redacted
address	Last Redacted	First	M.I.	DOB (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Street Address Redacted	Apartment/Unit	City Amherst	
email / telephone	County Redacted		State NY	14221
	Email		Zip Code Redacted	
			Telephone	

## \*BUSINESS / FACILITY LOCATION (Premises where animals will be housed.) If different from above, complete the following information.

business /facility name			
address			
Street Address	Apartment/Unit	City	
County	State	Zip Code	( ) Telephone

## \*REASON FOR THIS APPLICATION





new license

license amendment

 renewal of current license  
WITHOUT amendment

 renewal of license  
WITH amendment

previous license number

Describe, in detail, the purpose for which you are applying for this license. Please include a description of your education program and the conservation message you wish to convey. Also, if applicable provide the name and address of the educational organization that sanctions your proposed activities or the organization that employs you. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

I am hoping to work with Nickel City Reptiles with regards to their school outreach programs (<http://www.nickelcityreptilesandexotics.com>), and Buffalo Animal Adventures ([www.buffaloanimaladventures.net](http://www.buffaloanimaladventures.net)). The goal is to help educate the public with regards to cat conservation and care in NYS and maintain exhibit display.



Please provide the common name, scientific name (Genus species) and the total number, male and/or female, of the species you wish to collect or possess.

**NOTE:** Endangered or Threatened Species may NOT be included on this application.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Male	Total Female
Caracat - Caracal/Domestic cat cross	Caracal Caracal/Felis catus	1	

Check the appropriate category

Species **WILL BE** collected from the wild in NYS

Species **WILL NOT BE** collected from the wild in NYS

If you are applying for a license to possess species which will not be collected from the wild in New York, describe how and from where you will obtain the species. Please include the name, address, telephone number and License Name and Number of the person who legally possesses the species you wish to obtain. (Rehabilitation animals require a letter from a veterinarian stating the requested wildlife is permanently disabled and non-releasable and if applicable their license number and type). If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

Species	Name of Dealer or Rehabilitator & Telephone Number	State and Federal License #
Caracat	Anna Kuzmina, VIPLeo, <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">Redacted</span>	N/A CITES Registered Import

Describe, in detail, the location, length of possession and method(s) you will use to collect the species you listed in this application. Include the type and number of traps, type and length of nets, etc. Individuals conducting activities on lands administered by the State or on conservation easement lands shall apply for and receive a Temporary Revocable Permit authorizing the use of those lands for such purpose prior to conducting activities. The application for a Temporary Revocable Permit can be found at: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/trpappfrm.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/trpappfrm.pdf)

N/A-Import through airlines from Russian breeder. Federal licensing is NOT required for caracal possession or ownership. CITES will be adhered to through USFW.

Describe the humane measures you will employ to ensure humane treatment for the animal(s).

The animal will receive care through Dr. Michael Borowiec, DVM, located at Redacted, NY 14304, for all veterinary care, vaccinations, and regularly required visits. I am a licensed laboratory animal technologist (LATG), familiar with IACUC (Animal Care and Use Committee) implementation and am competent as it pertains to feline ethics. The animal will also receive a custom diet including Wildtrax brand supplement, ZuPreem canned, and a variety of fresh chicken/turkey.

List the dates and locations where the listed species will be exhibited, or check the box for static year round exhibit.

Dates	Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box if animals exhibited at permanent facility year round	TBD Williamsville School District (Heim Elementary/Middle)
	TBD Nickel City Exotics Outreach Events

Describe the housing and/or holding facilities that you will provide for the animal(s) to ensure safe captive conditions and prevent direct contact with the public at all times. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

The housing facility is a spacious sun room attachment to with walk in door and open air access in the summer, with ambient temperature heating in the cooler months. Enrichment type toys with no choking hazard will be provided, as well as adequate space and areas to climb/jump. The area is locked and is not accessible to the public. The cat is NOT a treat to NYS wildlife or the public in any capacity. See attached.

Do you wish to designate agent(s) under your license to assist you in the care of listed animals? If YES, please complete designated agent form.

Yes  No

Do you possess valid State and/or Federal licenses or permits which are required for your proposed activity? If YES, please attach photocopies of relevant licenses or permits to the application.

Yes  No



**REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)**

(must be submitted with your application)

Please attach photocopies of relevant licenses or permits to the application.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

(before sending this application, please verify the following)

All application fields/sections marked with an asterisk (\*) are complete

You signed and dated below

\*NOTICE: Pursuant to ECL Section 3-0301(2)(Q), false statements made on this application are punishable in accordance to Section 210.45 of the New York State Penal Law.

Signature

**MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S) TO:**

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Special Licenses Unit • 5th Floor  
625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233

12/14/2017

**Date**

For questions or concerns, please contact us  
Phone: (518) 402-8985 • Fax: (518) 402-8925  
Email: [SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov](mailto:SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov)  
Website: [www.dec.ny.gov/63.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/63.html)

Please allow 45 days for DEC to review and process your application.

<sup>1</sup>Incomplete or vague applications will be returned and delay the processing of your permit.

DEC Agent,

Please note that the animal in question will be neutered, and thus cannot breed with wild populations, and will not interact with NYS wildlife in any capacity. Further, the animal is a hybrid with a domestic cat, and is genetically sterile. Caracats are only slightly larger than a standard domestic cat and have behaviors similar to a small dog. The cat will be tame, bottle fed, and fully declawed by a licensed veterinarian. As such, even if escaped, it poses less threat to NYS wildlife than a normal cat. In addition, their smaller size makes them comparable to a domestic cat such as a Maine Coon. They are far less of a public threat than a German Sheppard or any standard medium size dog breed.

If, for some reason, your tendency is towards a denial, please advise stipulations under which the animal will be allowed. If the license is approved, I will follow whatever stipulations are set forth. As I believe this application to be fully compliant with all aspects of ECL codes 11-0303, 11-0305, and 11-0511.

Thank You,

Christopher Casacci

Redacted

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION/LICENSE DENIAL**  
**This is NOT a License**

**Date:** 12/19/2017

**License#:** 1798

**License Type:** License to Collect or Possess - Education/Exhibition

**Applicant:** Christopher D Casacci  
Redacted

**Owner ID:** 1778188

**Department has denied your license application for the following reason(s):**

- 1) A Department license is not required for the species or activity requested.

**(Please note: Your original application is enclosed)**

**Additional Information:**

A Department issued license is not required for possession of a caracal (*Caracal caracal*). Only a USDA Class C Exhibitor's license is required for possession of this species.

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**Agency Contact:**

TERESA RUIZ  
Special License Analyst  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233

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